

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0016  
INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SHUM, CSCE, CVIS, US, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET EXIT VISAS REFUSED

REF: STATE 167235 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY DOES NOT ATTACH ANY PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE TO LARGE NUMBER OF NEGATIVE RESPONSES BY MFA TO EMBASSY'S EXIT VISA REPRESENTATIONS ON JIYL 11. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF RESPONSES TO EMBASSY'S EXIT VISA REPRESENTATIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN NEGATIVE.

2. THE REASON FOR THE UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF NEGATIVE RESPONSES GIVEN ON JULY 11 APPEARS TO BE CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION ATTEMPT TO RESPOND TO LARGE BACKLOG OF EMBASSY EXIT VISA REPRESENTATIONS. NUMBER OF EMBASSY REQUESTS, MOSTLY BY NON-PAPER, SEEMS TO OVERTAX SOVIET BUREAUCRACY. AS REFLECTION OF THIS TENDENCY, MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION PRACTICE IS RARELY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN RESPONSES TO EMBASSY QUERIES. IN CONTRAST, VIRTUALLY ALL EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS TO MFA ARE PRESENTED BY NON-PAPER OR NOTE.

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## Message Attributes

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